

INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC) MEETING
Indiana Government Center South
302 W. Washington Street
Conference Room 17
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 14, 2012 1:00 P.M.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chairman Mike Garvey of the IERC welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL TO ORDER

Mike Garvey – IDHS

Sherman Greer – Local Government

Dean Larson – Public Representative

Brian Lott – Local Government

Bruce Palin – IDEM

Gerri Husband – State Representative

James Pridgen – Industry representative

The following Commission members were absent:

Carol Shelby – Public Representative

J. Eddie Goff – Public Representative

Carlos Pettiford – State Representative

Shawn French – Industry Representative

Roger Powers – Local Government

The following staff members were present:

John Steel – IDHS

Laura Steadham – IDEM

Mara Snyder - IDHS

Ian Ewusi – IDHS/IDEM

The following members of the audience were present:

Jeff Larmore – Marion County

Steve Pappas – Pappas and Associates

Gary McDaniel – Kosciusko County

QUORUM

LEPC Coordinator indicated a quorum was present

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

A motion to approve and adopt the minutes from the March 12, 2012, meeting was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Palin. **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee—Sherman Greer, Chair

Mr. Greer provided an update on the progress of the 2012 IERC/LEPC Conference that will take place on September 14.

- Provided and update on the conference agenda topics
 - Opening remarks and awards
 - Home Security Exercise Evaluation and Exercise Program (HSEEP)
 - Waxahachie Texas Chemical Fire Response
 - CAMEO
 - Social Media for LEPCs
 - Norfolk and Southern Haz-Mat Response
- September IERC meeting that has been rescheduled to the day of the conference
- Reposting the revised IERC meeting date

Policy/Technical Committee—James Pridgen/Dean Larson, Co-Chairs

Mr. Larson reported on 3 issues that was discussed at the morning Policy/Technical Committee Meeting;

- Restructuring of LEPCs, from 92 to 10
 - Recommended of forming a team to address this, Mr. French and Mr. Larson will work on this.
- LEPC Roster
 - LEPCs using one person to fill more than 1 category
 - Should be one person per category
 - People filling multiple positions will be discussed at future meetings
- Implementation of HSEEP by the LEPCs
 - Use remaining time in 2012 to start implementing HSEEP
 - Make mandatory for 2013, by end of 2013 HSEEP complaint
 - Will work with Mr. Woodall in IDHS Training to implement.

Mr. Larson made a motion to approve HSEEP implementation by the LEPCs, a second by Mr. Greer, **MOTION CARRIED**

Training Committee—Brian Lott, Chair

No Report

Fiscal Committee—Bruce Palin, Chair

No meeting was conducted by the Fiscal Committee. Mr. Palin added that he was still working with IDHS Fiscal to determine concerns with budget shortcomings. Mr. Palin will report on this in the future.

Mr. Palin made a motion to accept committee reports, second by Mr. Pridgen. **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS

Brad Gavin, Ethics Officer for IDHS, reported that all of the IERC members have completed their required bi-annual ethics training. Mr. Gavin also reported that to date 67% of the LEPC members have completed the training, in previous years this number was around 40%. The State Inspector General will be following up with the members who have not completed their training.

It was recommended that Montgomery and Blackford County's members be removed from the roster listing due to their inactive status.

These counties would be put back on active status when they start submitting their annual reports to the IERC.

Mr. Larson made a motion to remove these counties, second by Mr. Greer, **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of reallocation of funds from inactive counties will be addressed by the Policy/Technical Committee at the July meeting.

REPORT OF THE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Ewusi reported on the following;

- Attended 7 LEPC meetings
- Worked with Decatur, Kosciusko, Lawrence, Monroe, Newton, Owen, Ripley, Steuben, St. Joseph, Fountain, Fulton, Madison, Parke, Porter, Pulaski, Switzerland, Warren, Washington and Whitley on their required ethics training
- Addressed potential conflict of interest issues with St. Joseph County EMA Director, who is employed by private sector. Issues have been resolved and will remain with the LEPC
- **EPCRA**
 - Worked with Franklin and Owen Counties on EPCRA compliance requirements
 - Knox County request on filing status of Chemical Restorations and Crop Tech compliance status
 - Reviewed EPCRA instructional/educational material submitted by Quick Series, a publishing company that has worked with LEPCs in other states
- **LEPC Status**
 - 2005 68 Compliant LEPCs; 2006 70 Compliant LEPCs; 2007 72 Compliant LEPCs; 2008 73 Compliant LEPCs; 2009 63 Compliant LEPCs; 2010 68 Compliant LEPCs; 2011 71 Compliant LEPCs; 2012 67 Compliant LEPCs
 - Previously reported 9 LEPCs being inactive, since then Benton, Clay and Newton County's have initiated some activity

- **CAMEO Training**
 - Conducted CAMEO Training in Delaware, Gibson, Spencer, Warrick and Vanderburgh County's
 - Upcoming training in Henry, Putnam and Ripley County's
- **Spill Reports**
 - Reported on 2 spills, Nitrogen Oxides in Cass County and Chlorine in Marion County
- **Online Reporting**
 - Working with IDHS to develop an online reporting method for submission of the 7 LEPCs 7 reports in accordance with IC 6-6-10 and IC 13-12-1

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER APPROVALS

Mr. Ewusi reported that the following 36 counties had submitted new or updated rosters for approval:

Adams	Allen	Bartholomew	Benton	Boone	Crawford
Clark	Daviess	Dearborn	Decatur	Dubois	Elkhart
Floyd	Franklin	Gibson	Grant	Hamilton	Hendricks
Huntington	Jasper	Jennings	Johnson	Lawrence	Marshall
Monroe	Newton	Noble	Orange	Ripley	Shelby
Spencer	Steuben	Sullivan	Vanderburgh	Warrick	Wayne

Chief Lott made a motion to approve the rosters and was seconded by Mr. Pridgen. **MOTION CARRIED.**

LEPC COMMENTS

Gary McDaniel with the Kosciusko County LEPC commented on the regional LEPC topic, that he is not satisfied with the regional concept and would like this to stay local and would like to see input from other LEPC chairs. Mr. McDaniel also commented on the HMEP Grant mis-communications from all parties with this grant. In the past was reimbursed for projects. Now budgets are provided through iGMS, and what will be needed for LEPCs to request additional funds. Mr. McDaniel concluded with an invitation for the IERC to conduct a future meeting in Kosciusko County

Jeff Larmore representing the Marion County LEPC asked on the status of the release of current Tier II data, was advised by Mr. Ewusi, that it will be released shortly.

EPA COMMENTS

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Pappas of Pappas and Associates inquired on the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funding guidance asked if LEPCS would fall under this. In response to this he was advised LEPCs do not fall under EMPG and would not be included in this guidance.

Mr. Pappas highlighted on the INFRAGARD program (Infrastructure Protection) and helping bridge the IERC and LEPCs to INFRAGARD.

NEXT MEETING

July 9, 2012, 1:00pm
Indiana Government Center South
Indianapolis, Indiana

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Michael Garvey, Chair